

Great Bay Siltation Commission Meeting

Great Bay Discovery Center, Stratham, NH
December 10, 2007, 1:30 PM

Members: Rep. Judith Spang, Commission Chair, Durham
Rep. Dennis Abbott, Newmarket
Cynthia Copeland, Strafford Regional Planning Commission
Bruce Dearborn, Rockingham Planning Commission
Ted Diers, NH Coastal Program
Ellen Griffin Saas, Great Bay Marine, Inc.
Jennifer Hunter, NH Estuaries Project
Ray Konisky, The Nature Conservancy
Justin Richardson, Newington Conservation Commission
Tracy Shattuck, PDA – Division of Ports & Harbors
Fred Short, University of New Hampshire
Larry Ward, University of New Hampshire
Peter Wellenberger, Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

Other Attendees: David Cedarholm, Town of Durham
Christian Williams, NH Coastal Program

Guest Speaker: Ridgely Mauck, Administrator, DES Alteration of Terrain Bureau

Summary:

Ridgely Mauck of the Department of Environmental Services (DES) Alteration of Terrain Bureau gave a presentation in which he summarized the purpose of the Alteration of Terrain Bureau and reviewed proposed revisions to the Bureau's rules. The revisions, which are intended to better address water quantity and water quality issues, include, in part, new application requirements, updated stormwater controls and stormwater treatment systems, groundwater recharge requirements, the addition of 100-year floodplain criteria, and creation of a permit-by-rule procedure. Following the presentation Mr. Mauck fielded questions from commission members.

Chairperson Spang then asked the commission's two subcommittees, the "Causes of Sedimentation" subcommittee and the "Effects of Sedimentation" subcommittee to assemble. The subcommittees continued their efforts to address the issues identified in their work plans developed by Chairperson Spang and presented at the November 19, 2007 meeting. The subcommittee workplans can be found on the commission's web page, hosted by the New Hampshire Coastal Program, at http://des.nh.gov/Coastal/ocean_policy.html.

The next commission meeting was scheduled for **January 28, 2008 at 1:30 PM** at the New Hampshire Coastal Program (NHCP) Pease Office in Pease. The date and time of the next meeting, including directions to the NHCP Pease Office, and meeting minutes will be posted on the commission's web page.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:45 PM.